Okta’s Commitment to Security & Privacy

Okta is committed to achieving and preserving the trust of our customers, by providing a comprehensive security and privacy program that carefully considers data protection matters across our suite of products and services, including data submitted by customers to our online service ("Customer Data").

Covered Services

This documentation describes the security-related and privacy-related audits and certifications received for, and the administrative, technical, and physical controls applicable to, the Okta online services branded as Auth0 (collectively, the “Service”). For avoidance of doubt, the Service and this documentation does not apply to Professional Services, Non-Okta Applications, or Free Trial Services made available by Okta.

Architecture, Data Segregation, and Data Processing

The hosted Service is operated in a multitenant architecture that is designed to segregate and restrict Customer Data access based on business needs. The Okta architecture provides an effective logical data separation for different customers via customer-specific "Organization IDs" and allows the use of customer and user role-based access privileges. Additional data segregation is ensured by providing separate environments for different functions, such as for testing and production.

The Service branded as Auth0 “Private Cloud” is operated in a single-tenant architecture, and if subscriptions for the Auth0 Private Cloud are purchased by the customer, such subscriptions are subject to the “Auth0 Private Cloud Terms” that form part of the customer’s applicable Order Form(s).

Okta has implemented procedures designed to ensure that Customer Data is processed only as instructed by the customer, throughout the entire chain of processing activities by Okta and its sub-processors.

Retrieval of Customer Data

A customer may export Customer Data from the Service at any time during the term of its agreement, using the Service’s standard functionality, and Okta’s obligations to return Customer Data upon termination of an agreement may be fulfilled by permitting a customer to export Customer Data in this manner. After thirty (30) days following the end of the agreement’s term, Okta shall have no obligation to maintain or provide any Customer Data and shall thereafter, unless legally prohibited, be entitled to delete all Customer Data by deletion of Customer’s unique instance of the Service. Okta will not be required to remove copies of the Customer Data from its backup media and servers until such time as the backup copies are scheduled to be deleted in the normal course of business; provided further that in all cases Okta will continue to protect the Customer Data in accordance with the customer’s agreement.

Security Controls

Okta’s hosted Service includes a variety of configurable security controls that allow Okta customers to tailor the security of the Service for their own use. Okta strongly encourages all customers, where applicable in their configuration of the Service’s security settings, to use the multi-factor authentication features made available by Okta.
**Information Security Management Program ("ISMP")**

Okta maintains a comprehensive information security management program that contains administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that are appropriate to (a) the size, scope and type of Okta’s business; (b) the amount of resources available to Okta; (c) the type of information that Okta will store and process; and (d) the need for security and protection from unauthorized disclosure of such Customer Data. The ISMP is documented and updated based on changes in legal and regulatory requirements related to privacy and data security practices and industry standards applicable to the Service.

Okta’s ISMP is designed to:

- Protect the integrity, availability, and prevent the unauthorized disclosure by Okta or its agents, of Customer Data in Okta’s possession or control;
- Protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the integrity, and availability, and prevention of unauthorized disclosure of Customer Data by Okta or its agents;
- Protect against unauthorized access, use, alteration, or destruction of Customer Data;
- Protect against accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, Customer Data; and
- Safeguard information as set forth in any local, state or federal regulations by which Okta may be regulated.

1. **Security Standards.** Okta’s ISMP includes adherence to and regular testing of the key controls, systems and procedures of its ISMP to validate that they are properly implemented and effective in addressing the threats and risks identified. Such testing includes:
   a) Internal risk assessments;
   b) ISO 27001 and 27018 certifications;
   c) NIST guidance; and
   d) SOC2 Type II (or successor standard) audits annually performed by accredited third-party auditors (“Audit Report”).

2. **Security Audit Report.** Okta provides its customers, upon their request, with a copy of Okta’s then-current Audit Report, including information as to whether the Security Audit revealed any material findings in the Service; and if so, the nature of each finding discovered.

3. **Assigned Security Responsibility.** Okta assigns responsibility for the development, implementation, and maintenance of its Information Security Management Program, including:
   a) Designating a security official with overall responsibility; and
   b) Defining security roles and responsibilities for individuals with security responsibilities.

4. **Relationship with Sub-processors.** Okta conducts reasonable due diligence and security assessments of sub-processors engaged by Okta in the storing and/or processing of Customer Data (“Sub-processors”), and enters into agreements with Sub-processors that contain provisions similar or more stringent than those provided for in this security and privacy documentation.

5. **Background Check.** Okta performs background checks on any employees who are to perform material aspects of the Service or have access to Customer Data.

6. **Security Policy, Confidentiality.** Okta requires all personnel to acknowledge in writing, at the time of hire, that they will comply with the ISMP and protect all Customer Data at all times.

7. **Privacy & Security Awareness and Training.** Okta has annual, mandatory privacy awareness and training programs for all Okta personnel that address their obligations related to the processing of personal data that is contained within Customer Data. Okta has annual, mandatory security awareness and training programs for all Okta personnel that address their implementation of and compliance with the ISMP.
8. **Disciplinary Policy and Process.** Okta maintains a disciplinary policy and process in the event Okta personnel violate the ISMP.

9. **Access Controls.** Okta has in place policies, procedures, and logical controls that are designed:
   a) To limit access to its information systems and the facility or facilities in which they are housed to properly authorized persons;
   b) To prevent personnel and others who should not have access from obtaining access; and
   c) To remove access in a timely basis in the event of a change in job responsibilities or job status. Okta institutes:
      a. Controls to ensure that only those Okta personnel with an actual need-to-know will have access to any Customer Data;
      b. Controls to ensure that all Okta personnel who are granted access to any Customer Data are based on least-privilege principles;
      c. Controls to require that user identifiers (User IDs) shall be unique and each shall readily identify the Okta person to whom it is assigned, and no shared or group User IDs shall be used for Okta personnel access to any Customer Data;
      d. Password and other strong authentication controls that are made available to Okta customers, so that customers can configure the Service to be in compliance with NIST guidance addressing locking out, uniqueness, reset, expiration, termination after a period of inactivity, password reuse limitations, length, expiration, and the number of invalid login requests before locking out a user;
      e. Periodic (no less than quarterly) access reviews to ensure that only those Okta personnel with access to Customer Data still require it.

10. **Physical and Environmental Security.** Okta maintains controls that provide reasonable assurance that access to physical servers at the production data center is limited to properly-authorized individuals and that environmental controls are established to detect, prevent, and control destruction due to environmental extremes. These controls include:
    a) Logging and monitoring of unauthorized access attempts to the data center by the data center security personnel;
    b) Camera surveillance systems at critical internal and external entry points to the data center;
    c) Systems that monitor and control the air temperature and humidity at appropriate levels for the computing equipment; and
    d) Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) modules and backup generators that provide back-up power in the event of an electrical failure.

11. **Data Encryption.**
    a) Encryption of Transmitted Data: Okta uses Internet-industry-standard secure encryption methods designed to encrypt communications between its server(s) and the customer browser(s), and between its servers and customer’s server(s).
    b) Encryption of At-Rest Data: Okta uses Internet-industry standard secure encryption methods designed to protect stored Customer Data at rest. Such information is stored on server(s) that are not accessible from the Internet.
    c) Encryption of Backups: All offsite backups are encrypted. Okta uses disk storage that is encrypted at rest.

12. **Disaster Recovery.** Okta maintains policies and procedures for responding to an emergency or a force majeure event that could damage Customer Data or production systems that contain Customer Data. Such procedures include:
    a) Disaster Recovery: A formal disaster recovery plan for the production environment designed to minimize disruption to the Service, which includes requirements for the disaster plan to be tested on a regular basis;
b) Business Continuity Plan: A formal process to address the framework by which an unplanned event might be managed in order to minimize the loss of vital resources.

13. Secure Development Practices. Okta adheres to the following development controls:

a) Development Policies: Okta follows secure application development policies, procedures, and standards that are aligned to industry-standard practices, such as the OWASP Top 10 and SANS Top 20 Critical Security Controls; and

b) Training: Okta provides employees responsible for secure application design, development, configuration, testing, and deployment appropriate (based on role) training by the security team regarding Okta’s secure application development practices.

14. Malware Control. Okta employs then-current industry-standard measures to test the Service to detect and remediate viruses, Trojan horses, worms, logic bombs, or other harmful code or programs designed to negatively impact the operation or performance of the Service.

15. Data Integrity and Management. Okta maintains policies that ensure the following:

a) Segregation of Data: The Service includes logical controls, including encryption, to segregate each customer’s Customer Data from that of other customers; and

b) Back Up/Archival: Okta performs backups of the database(s) containing Customer Data for the Service using industry-standard measures.

16. Vulnerability Management. Okta will implement and maintain a vulnerability management program designed to identify and remediate vulnerabilities affecting networks and production systems for the Service in the form made available by Okta to Customer. Such program will include:

a) Annual penetration tests conducted by an accredited third party on the Service. Upon Customer's reasonable written request, Okta will provide Customer with an executive summary of the test results, no more than annually. Customer will treat such information as Auth0's confidential information in accordance with the agreement; and

b) Routine vulnerability scans on all infrastructure components of the Service and applications used by Okta to access Customer Data.

If vulnerabilities are detected from such tests and scans, Okta will remediate and apply applicable and necessary patches as soon as reasonably practicable and in accordance with a documented patching and response policy. Such policy will include factors for determining the scheduling of patches, including criticality of the Okta systems being updated, expected time taken to install the updates (and requirements for service outages, if any), degree of risk associated with any vulnerabilities that are closed by the updates, coordination of the updating of related components of the Service’s infrastructure, and dependencies between updates.

17. Change and Configuration Management. Okta maintains policies and procedures for managing changes to production systems, applications, and databases. Such policies and procedures include:

a) A process for documenting, testing and approving the promotion of changes into production;

b) A security patching process that requires patching systems in a timely manner based on a risk analysis; and

c) A process for Okta to perform security assessments of changes into production.

18. Secure Deletion. Okta maintains policies and procedures regarding the deletion of Customer Data in compliance with applicable NIST guidance and data protection laws, taking into account available technology so that Customer Data cannot be practicably read or reconstructed. Customer Data submitted to the Service is deleted using techniques detailed in DoD 5220.22-M (“National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual”) or NIST 800-88 (“Guidelines for Media Sanitization”).

traffic and activity-based monitoring systems, and may analyze and share data, such as data collected by users’ web browsers (for example, device type, screen resolution, time zone, operating system version, browser type and version, system fonts, installed browser plug-ins, enabled MIME types, etc.) and authentication event data (collectively, “Threat Information”) for security purposes, including to detect compromised browsers and to help customers detect fraudulent authentications, and to ensure that the Service functions properly. For clarity, Threat Information: (1) is only shared if it is derived from evidenced unauthorized attempt(s) to access and/or use the Service; and (2) does not constitute Customer Data.

20. Incident Management. Okta has in place a security incident response plan that includes procedures to be followed in the event of any unauthorized disclosure of Customer Data by Okta or its agents of which Okta becomes aware to the extent permitted by law (such unauthorized disclosure defined herein as a “Security Breach”). The procedures in Okta’s security incident response plan include:

   a) Roles and responsibilities: formation of an internal incident response team with a response leader;
   
   b) Investigation: assessing the risk the incident poses and determining who may be affected;
   
   c) Communication: internal reporting as well as a notification process in the event of a Security Breach;
   
   d) Recordkeeping: keeping a record of what was done and by whom to help in subsequent analyses; and
   
   e) Audit: conducting and documenting a root cause analysis and remediation plan.

Okta publishes security bulletin information regarding the Service at https://auth0.com/docs/security/security-bulletins. Okta typically notifies customers of significant system incidents by email to the listed contact, and for availability incidents lasting more than one hour, may invite impacted customers to join a conference call about the incident and Okta’s response.


   a) Notification: In the event of a Security Breach, Okta notifies impacted customers of such Security Breach. Okta cooperates with an impacted customer’s reasonable request for information regarding such Security Breach, and Okta provides regular updates on any such Security Breach and the investigative action and corrective action(s) taken.

   b) Remediation: In the event of a Security Breach, Okta, at its own expense, (i) investigates the actual or suspected Security Breach, (ii) provides any affected customer with a remediation plan, to address the Security Breach and to mitigate the incident and reasonably prevent any further incidents, (iii) remediates the effects of the Security Breach in accordance with such remediation plan, and (iv) reasonably cooperates with any affected customer and any law enforcement or regulatory official investigating such Security Breach.

22. Logs. Okta will regularly log and monitor the details of its personnel’s access to Customer Data submitted to the Service on networks, systems, and devices that are used to provide the Service. Such logs will be maintained by Okta in accordance with its data retention policies.

23. Communications with Users. Separate from and as a complement to the Service, Okta may provide Users access to online communities that provide technical support resources and communicate with Users from time to time, including to send announcements and details about Okta’s products, services, industry events, professional certifications, and other relevant information that Users may find useful. Administrator Users who do not want their organization’s Users to receive such communications may, on behalf of their organizations, update their communications preferences by visiting their Okta Admin console and adjusting the “Okta User Communications” setting.